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EVENT: Sentencing

Defendant: Martez Djuan Junior

**DETROIT RESIDENT SENTENCED ON
CONSPIRACY TO DEFRAUD IRS**

Martez Djuan Junior of Detroit, Michigan was sentenced to 12 months in custody today following his conviction for conspiracy to defraud the Internal Revenue Service, United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy announced.

Murphy was joined in the announcement by Maurice M. Aouate, Special Agent in Charge of IRS Criminal Investigation.

Junior pleaded guilty to conspiring with another individual to file fraudulent federal income tax returns. According to information submitted to the court at the time of the plea, Junior created false Forms W-2 in the name and social security number of the recruited individual, using fabricated information regarding the name of employer and amount of tax withholdings. The filer then provided the fictitious documents to a legitimate tax preparation service, who in turn prepared and electronically filed the false tax return. The filer applied for refund anticipation loans, which allowed the recruited individual to receive a cash advance on the false tax refund.

United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy said, "Paying taxes is the price we pay for a society grounded in law and for a government that can serve and protect our people. This system depends on the honesty and responsibility of all citizens, but those who try to work the system by fraud will face prosecution."

"There are unscrupulous people in our communities that look to take advantage and use people who are in a vulnerable position," said Aouate. "Don't fall prey to their money making scheme, especially if it involves the IRS."

Mr Murphy thanked IRS Criminal Investigation for their investigation of the case. The case was prosecuted by Mr. Murphy as well as Assistant U.S. Attorney Kevin Mulcahy.